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## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

Responsive to the Examiner's Office Action of April 14, 2004, Applicants hereby elect without traverse the invention of Group II as outlined by the Examiner, comprising Claims 1-12 which is drawn to process of making a semiconductor device, classified in class 438, subclass 22+.

Applicants respectfully submit that the application is now in condition for a first action on the merits, and request that such be done at an early date. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference with Applicants' representative would be helpful to advance the prosecution of the application, he is invited to contact the undersigned with any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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## TRANSMITTAL

Sir:

Submitted herewith are

- ~ Return receipt postcard;
- ~ Response to Restriction Requirement;
- ~ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any needed fees to deposit account 50-1600.

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